

TO THE  
Barnard Castle Rural District Council.

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Annual Report, 1904.

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GENTLEMEN,

I.

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my report for the year 1904. My district is composed of two villages, one Castle (Streatlam), and numerous farms, and comprises an area of 12,827 acres, with a population of 987, estimated to middle of year, or just about 13 persons per acre. The number of deaths registered was one less than during the preceding year, namely 15, producing a rate of mortality of 15·33 per 1,000 of population, estimated to the middle of the year.

There was no change in the rate of Infantile Mortality, 4 deaths having again been registered under the age of one year. One of these was caused by Whooping Cough, and another by Premature Birth.

Six persons died after having passed the age of 65 years, the oldest being a female 85 years old.

I am very glad to say that not a single death was ascribed to Lung Disease, Tubercular Disease (including Phthisis), and Infectious Disease.

On the other hand there was a preponderance of deaths ascribed to Heart Disease, which numbered seven.

Twenty-three births were registered during the year.

II.

In considering the rate of sickness—both general and infectious—I may say that it has been low all through the year.

No cases of Infectious Disease were notified to me, but I find that in the earlier months there occurred a mild outbreak of Measles and Whooping Cough—particularly in the village of Stainton.

I have no change to report in the sanitary condition of my district. The water supply of one portion of the village of Stainton was not very satisfactory—this is a well liable at times to be greatly polluted.

All Dairies and Cowsheds were regularly inspected and found satisfactory.

There are no Factories or Workshops in the district.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ALFRED H. SEVIER, M.B.

